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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Act is there. It gives priority to Government servants. But wherever there is a possibility of accommodating the public we are certainly doing it."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Was the person concerned particular about a house? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is obvious."

Supply of water to the lands in Kadamba basin of Tiruchendur taluk.

* 98 Q.—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that matured crops on 20,000 acres of paddy lands in Kadamba basin of Tiruchendur taluk, Tirunelveli district, are perishing for want of water;

(b) whether during a similar situation in the past, water was supplied to Kadamba basin from the Papanasam reservoir; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will take immediate steps to supply water to Kadamba basin to save the paddy crops?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Representations were received in the matter.

" (b) Yes. In 1950.

" (c) The Chief Engineer (Electricity) at the request of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has released 2,000 cusecs of water from the Papanasam Hydro-Electric Reservoir for a period of three days from Monday, the 7th, as a special case."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" Sir, just now I have received a wire from the Srivaikuntam ryots that they want an additional supply of water. May I know whether the Government will take steps to supply water for two days more, as the supply already given is insufficient? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may tell the hon. Member that this is a power project and not an irrigation project. As a special case, some water has been allowed. But if the hon. Member thinks that some more water is necessary, he can make a request to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and it will be considered."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Is there any special reason for the Government to allow water to this area? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is a power project. There was some water available, and to save the crops from dying, water has been allowed to be supplied. There are no other special considerations."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the person concerned might approach the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and get things done. May I know whether he should approach

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the head of the Department alone and not the Minister? Will not the Hon. Minister take cognizance of this appeal? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Minister is certainly competent to take cognizance of the appeal. But if he wants expeditious remedy, it is better to approach the Chief Engineer, and the hon. Member should realize that the Minister himself cannot do anything without consulting the Chief Engineer."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" May I know how many acres have been benefited by this supply of water? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know what steps the Government will take to supply water, as the tail-end mirasdars are suffering due to insufficiency of water? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

Government Bus Service in Madras City.

* 99 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what the net profit out of the Government Bus Transport Service in Madras City was in 1951–52?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A statement showing the actual net profit for the year 1951–52 will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as the accounts for that year have been audited, which has not yet been completed. But roughly, I can say that the profit for 1951–52 for the Government bus service was Rs. 10 lakhs, for the Government Automobile Workshop Rs. 2 lakhs and for the Government Coach Building Factory Rs. 1 lakh."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that the concern is a profitable one, will the Government try to provide more conveniences to the public by having more buses during rush hours and also extending the service to the surrounding districts? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The profits this year have been extraordinarily good. In previous years, they have not been very good. The running of extra shuttle services to relieve the congestion of passengers will always be considered. The Government have no intention of extending nationalization to the mufassal."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As the Hon. Minister has told us that this year they have got extraordinarily good profits, will the Government consider paying bonus to the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of bonus will have to be considered as a separate issue and not on the question of having made extraordinarily good profits this year."